

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

There is provided a ~~first~~first aspect of a incubator for observation by microscope comprising: an upwardly water tank unit including a container-accommodating portion in which a specimen container such as a dish is to be placed removably at the central portion thereof and a water reservoir disposed around the container-accommodating portion; a lid for covering the upper end of the unit; a heater for heating the specimen container and the unit; and a means for supplying gas into an incubation space defined by the unit and the lid; each of the unit and the lid having at the central portion thereof a light ray transmitting portion for transmitting light ray upwardly or downwardly therethrough.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A pair of holder ~~seat~~seats 206 is secured on the inner peripheral surface of the inner wall 205d at the diametrically opposite position. Each seat 206 has a crescent configuration and a shallow and broad groove 206a is provided on its upper surface. A tapped hole 206b is also provided through the groove 206a.